

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph [0042] of the published application US2006/0242737 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 9A-C. Alignment of PFTI genes. The alignment of PFTI genes from five plants using ClustalW (Ver. 1.82) is shown. The genes include rice (OsPFTI) (SEQ ID NO: 17), ~~saccharum officinarum~~ saccharum officinarum (SoPFTI) (SEQ ID NO: 13), *medicago* (MtPFTI) (SEQ ID NO: 15), *sorghum* (SbPFTI) (SEQ ID NO: 14) and *Arabidopsis* (AtPFTI) (SEQ ID NO: 2). Part 1. Alignment scores (% identity) from pairwise comparison of the five sequences and Part 2. alignment of the five sequences.